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In re: Patent Application of	
Patrick Miles et al.	Group Art Unit: 3762
App. Ser. No. 10/789,797	Examiner: Christopher A. Flory
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For: SURGICAL ACCESS SYSTEM AND RELATED METHODS	

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Responsive Amendment

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 in the above-captioned application, having a period for response which expired December 16, 2006, and in view of the accompanying "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," please amend the application as follows: